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Attached is a copy of an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (8 pages), along with an Appendix (2 pages) that was mailed to the USPTO on the date of the certificate of mailing (October 26, 2001).

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This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2001, which provides for a response period ending October 11, 2001.

A Petition For Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Examiner's Action, dated July 11, 2001, for one additional month to November 11, 2001, is being filed concurrently.